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In Re Application of: Francis Bourrieres, et al  
Application No.: 09/830253  
Filed: 04/24/2001  
For: Method For Making Electronic Modules With Ball Connector Or With Integrated Preforms Capable Of Being Soldered On A Printed Circuit and Implementing Device  
Examiner: Minh Trinh  
Group Art Unit: 3729

Commissioner for Patent  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: N48.2-9735-US01

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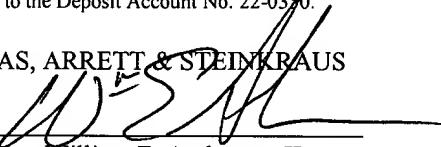
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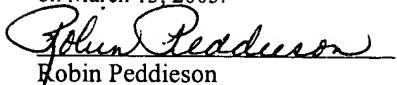
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Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If form PTO-1449 or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the

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information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying modified form 1449 as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the 1449 and/or 892 forms from these cases.

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then:

- (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
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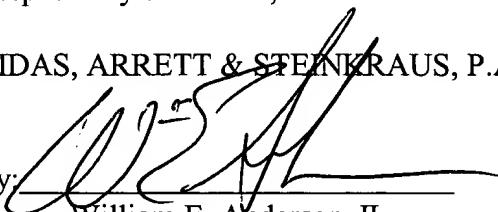
*For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	5758409	06/02 1998	Nakazato	29/739	
	AB	5675889	10/14/1997	Accocella, et al.	29/830	
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	BA	DE4326104	02/09/1995	DE		
	BB	10-074887	03/17/1998	JP		
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	BE	08-064983	03/08/1996	JP		
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